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## Governors State Hosts NSF Workshop

University Park, July 3 - In a unique and invaluable experience, educators from across the nation met at Governors State University in late June to learn, discuss, and explore both the environment and ways to teach students about it.

The National Science Foundation Summer Workshop at Governors State University examined new approaches and techniques of teaching science, exciting interest in environmental issues, and increasing funding. Participants also gained hands-on environmental problem-solving experience related to the ecology and water quality of Thorn Creek.

The National Science Foundation funded this program. Participants came from as far away as Maine and California. Guest lecturers from environmental education programs at universities from across the country conducted the work-intensive and highly productive workshops. Dr. Karen D'Arcy, Professor of Analytical Chemistry and Chair of the Division of Science at Governors State University, coordinated the workshop and led sessions. Associate professor of biology at GSU, Dr. Timothy Gsell of Homewood also presented and led field investigations during the workshop.

"This is the first time the GSU science department has hosted such a major event. We were very pleased with the outcome and feedback. Everyone learned and contributed," said D'Arcy of New Lenox. D'Arcy is also the chair of the Thorn Creek Ecosystem Partnership which works toward land acquisition, restoration, research, and education.

Governors State University offers extensive study opportunities in environmental education. In addition to its other science degree programs, it offers undergraduate degrees in biology and chemistry and graduate degree in environmental biology and analytical chemistry. The university also works closely with the local community on environmental protection and preservation projects and provides extensive outdoor laboratory experience to its students.